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FOLLOWING IS REPEAT BONN11765, SENT SECSTATE 16 JULY:

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SUBJ: MILITARY ASSISTANCE TO CHAD

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1. THE CONSIDERATIONS EXPRESSED IN REFTEL C. CONCERNING
PROBABLE GERMAN REACTIONS TO OUR POSSIBLE RESPONSES TO
THE SOMALIAN REQUEST FOR ASSISTANCE, WOULD BE GENERALLY
APPLICABLE IN THE CASE OF CHAD AS WELL. THE GERMAN
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POLICY OF NON-TRANSFER OF ARMS TO AREAS OF TENSION WOULD
ALMOST CERTAINLY PRECLUDE AN ACTIVE GERMAN ROLE IN MEET-
ING CHAD'S REQUEST FOR ARMS. IT WOULD NOT NECESSARILY
MEAN THAT THE FRG WOULD OBJECT TO OTHERS' DOING SO, OR
THAT THE FRG WOULD NOT JOIN WITH OTHERS IN PROVIDING NON-
LETHAL ASSISTANCE.

2. DURING THE RECENT US/FRG BILATERAL POLICY PLANNING TALKS, THE FRG STRONGLY EMPHASIZED THE IMPORTANCE OF WESTERN CONSULTATION AND COORDINATION IN DEALING WITH AFRICAN PROBLEMS. DEPARTMENT WILL RECALL KINKEL'S REQUEST FOR DIALOGUE IN THE PRE-FORMULATION STAGE OF POLICY DEVELOPMENT (REF. D, PARA 12).

3. AGAINST THAT BACKGROUND, OUR VIEW IS THAT GERMAN COOPERATION-- WHICH AT BEST WOULD BE LIMITED TO NON-LETHAL AID-- WOULD BE MORE LIKELY TO BE FORTHCOMING IF THE FRG WERE CONSULTED BY THE US BEFORE BEING INVITED TO A "FRIENDS OF CHAD" MEETING WITH PARTICIPATION AS BROAD AS SUGGESTED IN REF. A AND WITH A PRE-DETERMINED OBJECTIVE OF EXAMINING HOW EACH PARTICIPANT MIGHT BEST CONTRIBUTE TO CHAD'S SECURITY.

4. FOREGOING IS, OF COURSE, ONLY OUR BEST GUESS AS TO FRG REACTION, WHICH WILL OF COURSE ALSO BE TEMPERED BY GERMAN ATTITUDES TOWARD LIBYA AND CHAD AND THEIR ASSESSMENT OF THE IMPLICATIONS OF THE PRESENT CONFLICT. IF DEPARTMENT AGREES, WE WILL ATTEMPT TO TAKE SOUNDINGS WITH THE FOREIGN OFFICE MONDAY MORNING, JULY 18. IN ADDITION, DEPARTMENT MIGHT ALSO CONSIDER AUTHORIZING AMBASSADOR STOESSEL AND AMBASSADOR YOUNG TO RAISE THE MATTER IN THE SMALL, PRIVATE LUNCHEON THEY ARE HAVING WITH FOREIGN MINISTER GENSCHER ON TUESDAY, JULY 19, (REF E).
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